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General Increase in Passenger Fares Within State.

New Order May Raise Rate George W. Perkins Takes Presi-Between All Points.

2 CENTS A MILE NO MORE He Says Foreign Policy Has

Utilities Commission Figures Out Blow to Kansas.

Christmas Present for Lucky Railroads This Year.

TOPEKANS HARDLY SATISFIED Speech at Columbus Prompted

Santa Fe and Rock Island See a Disappointment.

New Rule Soon.

Kansas is up against a general increase in passenger rates and there is apparently no chance to dodge it, according to rate experts employed by the public utilities commission, who have analyzed the ruling of the interstate commerce commission granting increases in interstate passenger rates. The new order means an interstate rate increase from 2 cents a mile to 2.4 and 2.6 cents. In order to dodge discrimination, the public utilities commission, under provisions of the Shreveport ruling, must seemingly order an increase in intrastate rates.

Not in years has Santa Claus been so kind to the railroads as in the ruling which the interstate commerce commission dropped in their stocking in deciding the western passenger rates case. The full text of the decision has not been received by the Kanada transfersion. As analyzed by M. A. Chambers, accountant for the commission, the interstate passenger rate on the Santa Fe, M., K. & T., & Frisco, K. C. S. Grient, Missouri Pacific and all roads south of the Union Pacific, will be 2.8 cents a mile. On the Union Pacific, the rate will be 2.4 cents a

mile. Several attaches of the commission have disagreed with the Chambers view, asserting that the northern rate will be 2.4 cents.

Break 1908 Agreement.

In any event, the ruling means a big shake-up in the passenger situation in Kansas. It means, in the opinion of persons in touch with the continued. It means that the state passenger rate case which the commission has kept buried since last spring, must be resurrected and passed upon It means further, in the opinion of personger rates means a reversal by the federal commission.

Under the decision of the interstate commerce commission in the Shreve-port case, the Louisiana commission was ordered to make state rates which would comply with interstate rates. When the state rates which would comply with interstate rates. When the state rates which would comply with interstate rates. When the state rates which would comply with interstate rates. When the state rates were held below the standard of interstate rates, the federal commission ruled that at the beginning of the Mexican situation you did not act as you now disk.

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Asks Con the federal commission ruled that discrimination in favor of the intra-state passenger was shown. Now Kan-sas faces a similar situation.

May Adopt Zone Policy.

Instead of an established rate standard for the state, the Kansas traveler may encounter zone or territory rates under the policy adopted by the interstate commerce commission in its ruling. The action of the commission in establishing different rates for roads operating in the same state, may mean a big change in the method of establishing western rates. Thus a passenger on the Santa Fe may pay one rate, while passengers on the Rock Island will pay a higher or lower rate for the same on the Rock Island will pay a ser or lower rate for the same. Thus a passenger from Dodge to Kansas, Cify, would pay the hern rate by using the Rock is, while he would pay the south-rate over the Santa Fe.

that a decision will be handed down some time next year. With the fednority eral decision to guide their feet, there comm is an almost established opinion that the commission will be unable to re-

"We may not receive an official notice for a day or two," said H. O. Castor, attorney for the commission. So it is impossible at this time to dis-"So it is impossible at this time to discuss all of the details of the interstate rates case. It seems, however, that the new ruling means a 2.6 cent rate south of the Union Pacific and a 2.4 cent rate north of the Union Pacific. This view is taken by Mr. Chambers who worked through the western passenger rate case when it was on trial. In view of the Shreveport decision, a rate for intrastate passengers equal to the interstate rate may be forced. That (Continued on Page Two) (Continued on Page Two.)

HIGH LIGHTS IN EUROPE'S WAR ONE YEAR AGO TODAY

The Serbians retook Belgrade. A British submarine sank a Turkish battleship and 600 men at the Dardanelles, Russians cut of the Germans' retreat from Northern Poland.

Sofia Talks With Berlin By Telephone

Berlin, Dec. 13 .- Direct communication by telephone between Berlin and Sofia has been opened. The first conversation, by way of Nish, Orsova and Budapest, was held by the Bulgarian and German war ministers.

JUMPS ON WILSON

dent to Task in Letter.

Brought U. S. Humiliation.

WE "BUTTED IN" IN MEXICO

Vera Cruz Incident Caused Loss of National Honor.

Writing of Hot Letter.

New York, Dec. 13 .- George W. Perkins, chairman of the executive Admit That 21/2 Cents May Be committee of the Progressive party, sharply criticises President Wilson's Mexican policy in a personal letter which he sent Saturday to the chief executive. He cites the "Hands off" policy announced by the president at Columbus and contrasts it with the policy of 1914, which was followed by the death of 14 Americans at the siege of Vera Cruz.

Mr. Perkins' letter says: 'My Dear Mr. President:

"I am impressed with the following statement made by you in your speech

at Columbus: 'The Mexicans may not know what to do with their government, but that is none of our business, and so long as I have the power to prevent it, no body shall "butt in" to alter it."

He Did Butt In. "This statement seems to me to be sharp centred to your actions in xico-actions which have caused Mexico—actions which have caused our country so much embarrassment and humiliation. When you refused to recognize Huerra you certainly being covered yesterday by artiliery fire and machine gun contingents stationed only a few miles across the lieve that in the manner in which you butted in in Mexico is found the root of all the trouble and humiliation to which our country has been subjected not only with Mexico rut other foreign countries as well.

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City to Kansas, City, would pay the northern rate by using the Rock is land, while he would pay the southern rate over the Santa Fe.

Reopen Case in January.

Notices have been served by the utilities commission that the Kansas passenger rate case will be reopened in January. New evidence will be taken at that time and it is probable that a decision will be handed down some time next year. With the fed.

Representative Mann, the house rate of the organization of the senate today awaited approval for the senate in annual convention here today with delegates in attendance representing 23 anti-sufrage associations.

Mrs. Arthur M. Dodge, of New today to submit their slates. Senate Republicans me earlier in the day to go over finally committee designations recommended by the steering committee.

Representative Mann, the house rate of the organization, presided at the opening session which was featured by the reading of a letter by Mrs. Robert Lansing, wife of

Present Memorandum of Protest to Premier in Parliament.

London, Dec. 13.—The Morning Post today prints a letter from Budapest which states that more than haif a million people have signed a memorandum which will be presented to the Hungarian premier in parliament by a deputation representing all classes of the population, complaining of the high prices of food. The memorandum claims prices are much higher in Hungary than in Germany. It asserts the coming winter threutens to overwhelm the population by starvation and urges the impossibility of going on under present conditions much longer.

Supreme Court Fixes Holiday Recess. Washington, Dec. 18.—The supreme court today announced a recess from December 20 to January 3.

SLASHED ALLIES ARE CAST OVER **GREEK BORDER**

Anglo-French Troops Hard Put in Great Retreat.

Bulgarians Believed About to Follow Across Line.

GRECIAN FORCES TO OPPOSE

Ferdinand's Soldiers Hold Positions of Advantage.

Suffer Heavy Losses.

Berlin, Dec. 13 .- The French and British have been entirely expelled from Macedonian territory it is officially announced today by German army headquarters the advancing army under General Todoroff, occupying Doiran and Gievgeli. It is declared that two British divisions were nearly wiped out during the

Saloniki, Greece, Dec. 13 -(via London)-The newspaper, L'Opinion, asserts that Bulgarian troops are preparing to cross the Greek frontier and that Greek troops are moving toward the threatened point, apparently with the object

be urged at its present session to sub-

ministre.

Representative Mann, the house miority leader, is completing today his
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FOOD PRICES TOO HIGH

Below Zero in New York.

New York, Dec. 13—Below zero weather is reported from Carthage, wastern, Potsdam and her points in New York to sy.

SHORT STORIES THAT COME FROM WAR-TORN EUROPE.

London — Families who have gained their livelihood on the east coast by "shrimping" for 180 years have had their industry cut off for the first time by the war and are

the first time by the war and are in poverty.

London—A recruiting incident is told from a large recrulting station where a man anxious to join the army was quizzed about his religion. He had none but was anxious to oblige, promptly asking the recruiting officer what particular religion he was short of. He was enlisted without religion.

Amsterdam—Dutch customs officials at Leck seized enormous quantities of fats and oils about to be smuggled into Germany disguised as rolls of paper.

TEUTONIC PLUNGER TOLL. 508 SHIPS; TONNAGE OF VESSELS SUNK, 917,819

London, Dec. 13.—German and Austro-Hungarian submarines to date have sunk 508 ships, accord-ing to a news dispatch from Berlin. The total tonnage of the vessels sunk is given as 917,819.

COCKRELL IS DEAD

Former Senator From Missouri Expires in Washington.

Famous Confederate Veteran Long Honored by Fellows.

Both Bulgars and Opponents 30 YEARS IN CONGRESS HALLS

Statesman, When Defeated in 1904, Given Post by T. R.

Thrilling Incidents in Political Career Recalled.

Washington, Dec. 13. — Francis Marion Cockrell, former United States senator from Missouri, died here to-day.

Marion Cockrell, former United States senator from Missouri, died here today.

As a mark of respect, the senate adjourned today to noon Thursday.

Francis Marion Cockrell served the state of Missouri in the United States senate for thirty years. When Roosevelt carried Missouri in 1904 and the state swung into the Republican column, the senator was succeeded by Major William Warner, but the new president promptly appointed Cockrell

apparently with the object of disputing the Bulgarian invasion.

Athens, Dec. 13.—The Anglo-French troops have been retreating across the Greek frontier since early saturday, according to information received by Greek military authorities today.

Glegvell was evacuated by the allies Saturday night or early Sunday. The retreat of the expeditionary forces was being covered yesterday by artillery

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FIXING SENATE SLATES

Republicans and Democrats Go Over Committee Assignments in Preparation of the senate today awaited approval by that body of committee assignments. Democrats and Republicans alike were ready when the senate metions to the day to submit their slates. Senate today of committee assignments are represented to woman suffage ments. Democrats and Republicans alike were ready when the senate metions. Washington, Dec. 13.—Organization of the senate today awaited approval by that body of committee assignments. Democrats and Republicans met earlier in the day to yor finelly committee. Washed to woman suffage association opposed to woman suffage association opposed to woman suffage association. In March, 1911, Mr. Cockbear of the organization.

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New Live Stock Rates.

Washington, Dec. 13.—General re-adjustment of live stock rates north of the Ohio and Potomac rivers, and east of the Mississippl was authorized today by the interstate commerce com-mission. Many increases were author-

VIENNA MUST YIELD TO U. S. OR FACE BREAK

Lansing Hints at Severance of All Relations.

Must Be Prompt Disavowal of Ancona Crime.

FOR PLUNGER CAPTAIN

Sinking of Ship Illegal and Indefensible.

Washington Waits With Keenest Interest Austria's Reply.

Washington, Dec. 13.—Further acon its demands of Austria-Hungary. as set forth in a communication re-garding the sinking of the Italian liner Ancona, the text of which was pub-lished today, now depends on the Austrian government

Formal demand is made in the

Major William Warner, but the new president promptly appointed Cockrell a member of the interstate commerce commission.

Senator Cockrell was born in Johnson county, Missouri, October 1, 1834. He was graduated at Chapel Hill college. Lafayette county, and was admitted to the bar in 1855. He opened a law office in Warrensburg.

Birth of Cockrell's Brigade.

When the Civil war was started he enlisted in the Confederate arms and the allowed perfect of the Austrian foreign office Thursday by Ambassador Penfield.

IN DYNAMITE CASE Spirit of Brilliant Advocate to Will Be Shown in Reports

President Wilson Will Listen to Appeal for Pardon.

Review Trial of Barry and Mor-

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St. Louis. Dec. 12.—President Williand and served until 1905. During the served until 1905. Duri

among the employees of the stock ex-change and boom time bonuses will be accorded the employees of indi-

be accorded the employees of indiverse places and none equaled it savee Thomas H. Benton. In March, 1911, Mr. Cockersell was appointed United States commissioner to adjust the boundary between Texas and New Mexico.

CURTIS WANTS LITTLE

(Kansas Senator Asks Only for a Place on the Appropriations Committee of the Senate.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 13.—Senate, Charles Curtis has been appointed a member of the minority committee on committees of the senate. The Kansas senator asks for only one ask congress—that of membership on the appropriations committee on the Mr. Curtis was a member of the senate two years ago he served as portant committees of the Senate two years ago he served an appropriations, Indian affairs and the District of Columbia. Any one of the senate two years ago he served an apportant committees of the March of the Senate two years ago he served an apportant committees of the Senate two years ago he served an apportant committees of the March of the Ma

Washington, Dec. 13.—The Atlantic seabourd from Virginia to Canada, the upper Ohio and Mississippi valleys and the Great Lakes region were snow-covered today, except in isolated spots. Over most of that area snow was still falling, with indications that it would continue tonight in the middle Atlantic states, the Great Lakes region and eastward.

WILL YOU HELP SANTA FIND HER HOME?



SUSAN B. IS BACK STORY OF KANSAS

Pioneer Suffragist Again Pleads Progress of the State in the for Equal Rights.

Stalk Washington.

From the Decennial Census. HUNDREDS AT LEADER'S SHRINE GOOD SHOWING IS EXPECTED

Past Ten Years

Temperatures today averaged I degree above normal. The wind shifted to the southeast this afternoon and blew at a rate of 4 miles an hour from

that quarter. Following are hourly temperature readings for today:

7 o'clock. ...24 | 11 o'clock. ...31 |
8 o'clock. ...25 | 12 o'clock. ...35 |
9 o'clock. ...27 | 1 o'clock ...40 |
10 o'clock. ...29 | 2 o'clock42

Congressmen, Who Once Jeered, There Has Been a Considerable

while a chorus of a hundred women will sing.

Exchange Employees to Come in for Bonuses: Everybody Is to Forget Expenses.

New York, Dec. 13.—Wall street is going to celebrate Christmas in the good old fashioned way. This means the street will forget all about expenses.

Plans are under way for the collection of a huge fund to be distributed among the employees of the stock example.

While a chorus of a hundred women will sing.

Mrs. Florence Kays Hanson, professional reader, will impersonate Miss Anthony. Other prominent suffragists will impersonate their leaders of the agricultural interests of Kansas, manufacturing and mining having failed to keep pace. Nor is it believed the figures of the the agricultural interests of Kansas, manufacturing and mining having failed to keep pace. Nor is the previous decade, the principal systems in the good old fashioned way. This means the street will forget all about expenses.

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BOMB MEN IN DENIAL

SENATE—Met at noon. Republican committee assignments were approved. Senator Kenyon proposed to tax manufacturers of munitions and to prohibit passengers on munitions ships. Senator Chamberlain introduced a bill for military training of citizens.

Senate adjourned at 2 p. m. antil noon Thursday.

HOUSE—Not in session; meets Tuesday. Democrate caucus to-

Tuesday. Democrats caucus night and extending the en-gency war tax law

RAP AT WILSON'S **ARMY PLAN STIRS** PEACE SHIP FOLI

Jones and Aked Seek to Condemn Preparedness Program.

Lindsey, McClure and Others in Speedy Rebellion.

SOME THREATEN TO QUIT MOVE

Ford Drafts Stirring Appeal to Warring Nations.

Says There Can Be No Irreconcilable Differences.

On Board the Steamer Oscar II, by Wireless via Steamship Nordham, Dec. 13 -A resolution condemning President Wilson's preparedness pol icy brought a protest from some of the prominent members of Henry Ford's peace party last night when it was presented for adoption.

The resolution was drawn up by the Rev. Jenkins Jones and the Rev. Charles F. Aked and others, who asked that it be signed by all the

nembers of the party as their platmembers of the party as their platform.

More than a dozen members, including S. S. McClure of New York, and Judge Ben B. Lindsey of Denver, refused to sign on the ground the resolution was unpatriotic. Some of them even threatened to leave the party after it reached Europe if the proposed platform was put through. Its supporters said the opponents of the resolution failed to understand the spirit of Mr. Ford's invitation.

Ford Appeals to Nations.

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An appeal to the rulers of Europe was sent out by wireless today, ad
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G. O. P. TO MEET EARLY

entiment in Favor of Holding Nations al Convention Before Democrats: Frisco May Get Gathering.

Washington, Dec. 13.—Sentiment began to develop today in the Repub-lican national committee in favor of holding the Republican convention

in building extensions.

A large settlement of the western part of the state will be shown also, it is believed. The numbers of foreigners, Indians, negroes, the number of persons employed in the different occupations, the number of persons of various ages, and the birthplace of every resident are among the details to be included in the report.

Continued Increase in Demand Over Supply Given as Cause for Another Jump of Ten Cents.

Tulsa, Okla., Dec. 13.—Crude off advanced ten cents a barrel here this morning. The price is now \$1.10.

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Independence Reports Advance.
Independence, Kan., Dec. 13.—An
increase of ten cents a barrel in the
price of crude oil, making the price
\$1.10, was announced by the Prairie
601 6 Gas company today. Continued

\$1.10, was announced by the Pra Oil & Gas company today. Continuorease of the demand over the s ply was given as the cause, FIGHT FILM BAR HOLDS

Supreme Court Sustains Law Aimed at Fistic Pictures; No Willard-Johnson Exhibit.

Washington, Dec. 12.—The supreme court teday held constitutional the law of 1912, under which it is unlawful to import moving picture films of prize fights for public exhibition.

The decision was anounced in a suit arising over the exclusion at Newark, N. J., of a film of the Willard-Johnson fight at Havana.

PECULIAR FACTS RELATED ABOUT WELL-KNOWN FOLK

Berlin, Nov. 2.—(By Mail)— Baron Mumm von Schwarzenstein, former ambassador to Japan, now attached to the foreign office, uses smelling salts. He has two or three small bottles on his desk all the time and sniffs at them while be talkes. He is also very fond of scented shruhs and often fills his office with them.